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Applicant : Koichi Maari
 Serial No.: 09/046,693
 Filed : March 24, 1998
 For : METHOD OF CONTROLLING DIGITAL CONTENT
 DISTRIBUTION, A METHOD OF REPRODUCING DIGITAL
 CONTENT AND AN APPARATUS USING THE SAME
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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (b)

Mail Stop Patent Application
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/046,693 filed March 24, 1998.

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2. [x] The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on June 22, 1998 at Reel 9263 Frame 0130.
3. [x] Priority of Application(s) No.(s) P09-074182 filed on March 26, 1997, in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- [x] The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 09/046,693

and acknowledgment thereof is requested.

4. [] This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.

- b. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

	Number Filed	Number Extra	
Basic Fee			Fee \$770 (\$385)
Total claims.....	12 - 20 = 0 x	\$18	(\$ 9)
Independent claims...	2 - 3 = 0 x	\$86	(\$43) \$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims			\$
Total Filing Fee.....			\$ 770.00

5. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No.03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. [x] A check in the amount of 770.00 is enclosed.
7. [x] Cancel claims 1-37 and add claims 38-49.
8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 09/046,693 filed March 24, 1998.
9. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

- a. [x] The power appears in the prior application.
 - b. [x] Address all future communications to:
Jay H. Maioli, Cooper & Dunham,
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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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I hereby certify that this Divisional Application, including 158 page Specification (including abstract), 37 claims, 43 sheets of formal drawings (38 figures), Preliminary Amendment, copy of original Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a check in the amount of \$770.00 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Mail Stop Patent Applications, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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